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Interrogation Research Section

Establishing of Security Validation Teams

During the recent overseas trip and as a result of discoveries during this trip, and because requests from various field personnel in responsible positions, it is highly recommended that some type of security validation team service be furnished to various home and overseas operational units of this organization. Below are listed some suggestions which might aid in the planning and establishing of such a service. These suggestions are by no means intended to be final and complete plans but merely a basis around which a more detailed plan might be constructed.

CAPABILITY OF TEAMS:

Security validation teams would be trained to conduct skillful general interrogation, Polygraph interrogation, drug interrogation, hypnotic interrogation, and in some locations, the administering of operational hypnosis.

FUNCTION OF TEAM:

In the United States, the function of the security validation teams would be as follows: The ultimate Polygraph screening of all CIA personnel; the processing of any loyalty cases which might arise from time to time; more detailed screening of special security categories such as screening for Atomic Energy information, overseas departures, and any special category having access to highly classified information. The overseas teams would conduct screening of certain categories of overseas personnel; the processing of various informants and foreign operational personnel being utilized; and any sensitive cases which might arise. These teams could also offer adequate cover for the use of operational hypnosis, and could offer its services to other agencies and serve a four-fold purpose as follows: 1. To clear up some of the numerous cases which have been lingering for months and even years; 2. To give CIA personnel an opportunity to pick out the best informants and potential operational personnel from the subjects offered them for screening; 3. Such a service would offer an opportunity to keep unofficially informed of the operational activities of other intelligence gathering agencies in the field; 4. Certain personnel on these teams could aid in the collection of information concerning interrogation techniques and special operational procedure being utilized by Russia and Russian dominated countries.

LOCATION OF TEAMS:

These teams could be located both Stateside and in various important overseas theatres. The eventual location of the Stateside teams would include Washington, D. C. and possibly one or two other locations serving the central and western United States.

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For the present, it would seem important that concentration be placed upon establishing and the successful operation of a team in Washington, D. C. The nucleus of this team already exists in the form of our present Polygraph screening program.

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H-8/3 In conjunction with the establishing of overseas teams, the eventual location would depend upon the current world situation. It would seem desirable to establish the first team in [REDACTED] to be utilized in conjunction with the great deal of cases presented our organization by the [REDACTED] activities.

TEAM COMPLIMENT:

Each team should have an interrogator qualified to do skillful detailed and general interrogation, to conduct both drug and hypnotic interrogation. In areas necessitating handling of a large number of subjects, these functions could be divided among two or more men as the occasion demands. Besides these specialists, a medical man should be available for the administering of drugs, as should a clerical worker to facilitate the handling of paper work.

TEAM EQUIPMENT:

Depending upon the volume of subjects handled, each team would be equipped with one or more Polygraphs, medical supplies, recording and monitoring equipment, clerical equipment and supplies.

TEAM TRAINING:

F It would seem advisable to train all United States team personnel in Washington and then disseminate them depending upon the area demand. Overseas team personnel could receive preliminary training in Washington and from there given overseas training in [REDACTED]. After receiving this training, personnel could be sent to other areas necessitating replacements.

COORDINATION AND RESPONSIBILITY:

The coordination and responsibility of teams in both the United States and overseas is a problem which would require decisions at a level higher than this office. Such activities would necessitate the cooperation of Inspection and Security, Office of Scientific Intelligence, Office of Special Operations and perhaps other branches to a limited extent.

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